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**Applicants:** Masaaki Ueda et al.

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**RESPONSE**

Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated October 13, 2005, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in light of the following amendment and remarks:

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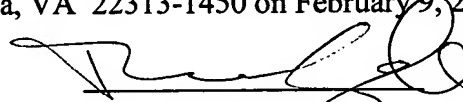
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